**FLYING L PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

**REGULAR MEETING – MAY 10, 2019**

**M I N U T E S**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The May 10, 2019 regular meeting, of the Flying L Public Utility District; is called to order by President Patrick Raab at 6:30 PM. Additional Board Members in attendance are Guy Wolf, Austin Christensen, and Don Bateman. June Baker is absent. Also, in attendance are Recording Secretary Leslie Rector and Field & Office Administrator Janet Williams. Water and Wastewater Operator Jerry Hefley is not in attendance.

**A quorum was established.**

**Guest(s) in Attendance:** Bob Williams and Dewayne Pirtle

**Public Comment:** Dewayne Pirtle addressed the Board concerning his sewer line. He informed the Board that he has an on-going problem with the sewer line contents backing up into his home. Over the years he has spent thousands of dollars attempting to find the cause and correct it. He doesn’t feel the cause of the backup is due to his 4” line. He feels the problem is in the main line possibly due to a large tree in the area. He asked the Board to help him find the cause so it can finally be corrected. The Board responded that they will look into their options as to how to proceed in order to find the cause.

Leslie Rector addressed the Board on the topic of an encroachment on the utility easement. She said justice should be blind. It shouldn’t matter who is asking for relief, the answer should always be the same no matter who you are. She acknowledged that unfavorable decisions concerning neighbors are not easy and it shouldn’t matter if you’re personally liked or not. Either it’s ok to build over an easement or it’s not and should you give water and/or sewer service to a non-compliant building or not. The answer should be the same for all.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** After a review of the April Regular Meeting minutes, **a** **motion** was made by Wolf, 2nd by Bateman to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. **Unanimous**

**REVIEW AND PAY BILLS:** After reviewing the monthly financial report, dated May 10, 2019 **a motion** was made by Bateman 2nd by Christensen to accept the report and pay the bills totaling $26,049.10 with a transfer of $27,100 from M&O #266 to Bandera Bank #816. **Unanimous**

**Bandera Bank & Hondo Bank: $463,017.87**

 **Savings & CDs at Randolph Brooks FCU: $214,225.82**

 **FUND BALANCE: $677,243.69**

**REPORT OF MONTHLY WORK PROJECTS AND OPERATION:** Janet reported on a voltage problem during a thunderstorm and it was reported that BEC had “dropped a leg” that burned up two pumps in Lift Station A, located by hole #3. ~~This is the first time in many years that this occurred. There is hardware that can prevent this from occurring but it is very costly.~~ Patrick said that this turned out not to be caused by BEC. Janet asked about considering generators, Patrick said they were very expensive.

The wastewater permit expires in March 2020. Janet is working on it now because the paperwork is due by September 2019 to qualify for the dead line in March.

PUD’s attorney filed the letter to be added to the formal complaint issued by Mr. Hughes. Overview of the letter: “The Flying L PUD is under no statutory, regulatory, or contractual obligation to provide such services requested by Mr. Hughes. It is our understanding that this matter has been resolved internally by the Public Utility Commission’s Staff and no further action or information is required by the Flying L PUD.”

Well #2 Level on May 9 was 200.25’ (down about 14 feet)

The community experienced low water pressure due to power surges, which tripped the switch.

**OLD BUSINESS (Discuss and Consider)**

**Drought Restrictions:** No Change Needed. **Tabled**

**Estimate from Curl Industrial Services LLC Custom Pump Panel to Service 3 Lift Station Pumps and 2 Effluent Pumps:** Jerry was not in attendance and as far as Janet knows, he never heard back on obtaining the second estimate. **Tabled**

**Encroachment on Utility Easement in Section 15, Lot 41:** Janet received the draft, for the Lawlis’ Contract; from the attorney on the easement encroachment. She handed out copies to the Board. The attorney would like to amend #5’s wording regarding the survey of the property. After review and discussion **a motion** was made by Bateman, 2nd by Christensen to accept the (did he say letter or draft?) letter of contract with the addition of the wording on line item 5 and send it. **Unanimous**

**NEW BUSINESS** **(Consider for Action and Review)**

**Approve Auditor for 2019:** Eric Ede has performed the annual audit for the PUD for many years. The Board has always been pleased with the work he has done. The cost of the audit will be the same as last year. **A motion** was made by Bateman, 2nd by Wolf to rehire Eric Ede, Auditor; to do our annual audit. **Unanimous**

**Rate Structure:** The preliminary figures were not on hand. This item will be moved to June’s agenda. **~~y~~**

**Next Meeting:** The next month’s regular meeting date for the Flying LPUD is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

**Adjourn:** Having no further business, a motion was made by Bateman, 2nd by Raab to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM

Presented for review and approval,

Leslie L. Rector, Recording Secretary

for the Flying L Public Utility District